

## The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building December 2, 2002 with the following members present: Alvan Johnson, Vice Chairman; Russ Frey, Member; and Cindy Kabriel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk. Bob Newsome, Chairman, was absent.

### **8:30 Public Comment**

Mike Kearns; and Hjerda McAllister, Administrative Assistant, attended.

Frey moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting November 21, 2002 for the Tarrax Water and Sewer Benefit District Public Hearing as amended. Johnson seconded. Carried 2 - 0.

Frey moved to approve the minutes of November 25, 2002 as amended. Johnson seconded. Carried 2 - 0.

### **9:00 Business Meeting**

Mike Kearns; and Alyson Raletz, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

There were no action items for the Business Meeting.

### **9:30 Press Conference**

Susanne Kufahl, Riley County - Manhattan Health Department; Erin Jechke, KMAN; Eileen King, County Treasurer; Alyson Raletz, Manhattan Mercury; Johnette Mueller, Budget and Finance Officer; Kip Lee; Susan Toland; Hjerda McAllister, Administrative Assistant; and Mike Kearns, attended.

Kufahl said Raising Riley has worked in partnership with the Kansas Action for Children, Inc., to provide a Riley County Children's Report Card. Kufahl said

the Riley County Children's Report Card grades present the well-being of four children in Riley County. Kufahl said this is the third year for the project in Riley County.

Toland discussed how grades are determined. Toland said there are seventeen benchmarks in determining the grade for Riley County.

Toland discussed the Child Care category including the quality, cost to parents, capacity, and resource and referral. Toland said the Child Care category received a B- grade for Riley County.

Leed discussed the Education category including high school graduation, achievement scores, and school readiness. Leed said the Education category received an A grade for Riley County.

Leed discussed the Teen Years category including teen birth rate, substance abuse, and teen violent death. Leed said the Teen Years category received a B grade for Riley County.

Kufahl discussed the Safety and Security category including violent crime, child abuse and neglect, and childhood poverty. Kufahl said the Safety and Security category received an A grade for Riley County.

Kufahl discussed the Health category including early prenatal care, low birth weight, infant mortality, and immunizations. Kufahl said the Health category received an A grade for Riley County.

Kufahl said Riley County received an overall grade of A- on its 2002 Children's Report Card.

King discussed the elimination of demand transfers by the State for 2002 and 2003.

Kingsaidthe2002lossforRileyCountywillbe        intheamountof  
\$201,069.00andthe2003lossforRileyCountywillbeintheamountof  
\$297,238.60.

MuellersaidtheBudgetCommittee hadbeenmeetingtopreparefor  
possibledemandtransfereliminationinthefuture.

Muellersaidduetotheimmediate        demandtransfercutbytheGovernorthe  
BudgetCommitteewillmeettomorrowandhaveaworksessionwiththe  
commissionersonThursday.

McAllistersaidtheLegislativeRetreatwillbeheldonWednesday,  
December18,2002at10:00a.m.intheCommissionCh        ambers.

**10:15BillKennedy,CountyAttorney**

AlysonRaletz,ManhattanMercury;JanetDean,HumanResources  
Coordinator;andMikeKearns,attended.

KennedydiscussedtheRileyCountyAttorney'sOffice2002  
accomplishments.

**10:45RichVargo,CountyClerk**

MikeKearns;JanetDean,HumanResourcesCoordinator;andJanKruh,  
LeagueofWomenVoters,attended.

VargodiscussedtheClerk'sOffice2002accomplishmentsandgoals.

**11:15StanMorgan,Counselor/DirectorofAdministrativeServices**

• **AdministrativeWorkSessio n**

JohnetteMueller,BudgetandFinanceOfficer;MikeKearns;JanetDean,  
HumanResourcesCoordinator;andJanKruh,LeagueofWomenVoters,  
attended.

Morgan discussed Tarrax Water Benefit District bills from Blue Water Services.

Freystated the KAC and League of Municipalities Boards will meet December 12, 2002 to discuss demand transfers.

Morgan discussed Ben Grosse's request to open a County Road.

Johnson stated Riley County should pay the cost associated with the reopening of the roads since landowners were not notified properly when the road was closed.

Morgan discussed the bill for wiring the CASA Offices.

Johnson said the County should only pay the portion, \$1,000.00, for which Riley County will benefit.

Morgan said he will present testimony to the legislative committee at the State on the McCay case.

Dean presented the revised draft Riley County Personnel Policies and Guidelines.

Dean stated she needs guidance on scheduling a work session to discuss the draft Riley County Personnel Policy and Guidelines.

The commissions suggested after the holidays in mid-January.

**1:15 Eileen King, County Treasurer**

Mike Kearns; and Janet Dean, Human Resources Coordinator, attended.

King discussed the Riley County Treasurer's Office 2002 accomplishments and goals for the future.

**1:45 Charlotte Shawver, Register of Deeds**

Mike Kearns; Jan Kruh, League of Women Voters; and Janet Dean, Human Resources Coordinator, attended.

Shawver discussed the Riley County Register of Deeds' Office 2002 accomplishments and goals for the future.

Freymoved to approve the Riley County Shared Leave Donation Forms.  
Johnson seconded. Carried 2 - 0.

**2:29** Freymoved to adjourn. Johnson seconded. Carried 2 0.